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W-G-N Gives \$100,000 to Aid Channels 11, 20 in Building

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W-G-N, Inc., thru its president, J. Howard Wood, made a \$100,000 gift yesterday toward construction of new facilities for Chicago's educational television stations, WTTW, channel 11, and WXXW, channel 20.

Wood, publisher of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE and president of the Tribune company, presented a \$100,000 check to George A. Ranney Jr., vice president of the Chicago Educational Television association, at a ceremony in the publisher's office.

"I hope you can use it," Wood said as he handed over the check.

Expresses His Gratitude

Ranney assured him that the stations could, adding, "We are grateful to W-G-N for your generous support of our effort."

"In our opinion," Wood told Ranney, "WTTW is the best-operated educational television station in the nation, and we are pleased to help complete and equip its new buildings. The programming of WTTW represents a genuine community service which reflects



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George A. Ranney Jr. (left), vice president of Chicago Educational Television association, accepting \$100,000 check from J. Howard Wood, president of W-G-N Inc., and president and publisher of The Chicago Tribune as contribution to building fund of television stations WTTW and WXXW.

great credit upon the total television industry in our city."

Dr. John W. Taylor, executive director of the stations, said that the association began construction of the new building at 5400 N. St. Louis av., without the needed funds.

"Started with Hope, Trust"

"We started," he said, "with the hope and trust that private and voluntary contributions would be made from all seg-

ments of the television industry as well as local and national foundations."

The National Broadcasting company and the Columbia Broadcasting system each made \$100,000 grants to the Chicago stations.

"But we still have a long way to go," Ranney told a reporter. "We need a total of more than 2 million dollars."